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Woman Sentenced to Prison for Severely Injuring Man in Baldwin Park Hit-and-Run

A 32-year-old woman was sentenced today to seven years and four months in state prison for driving under the influence and striking a motorcyclist with her car before fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Aug. 4, Nora Lidia Garcia (dob 6/16/84) of Los Angeles pleaded no contest to three felony counts in case KA110890: driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense, hit and run driving resulting in serious injury to another person, and hit and run resulting in property damage.

The defendant also admitted a special allegation that she committed great bodily injury on the victim, which caused him to suffer paralysis. Additionally, the defendant admitted she was previously convicted of driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol or more in 2013.

Deputy District Attorney Brandy Chase, who prosecuted the case, said on the morning of Oct. 6, 2015, Garcia was driving under the influence of alcohol when she struck a motorcyclist head-on as he was driving through an intersection in Baldwin Park.

The 54-year-old victim landed on the hood of Garcia's car, the prosecutor said. The defendant continued driving with the victim on her car until he fell off, the prosecutor added.

When the defendant fled the scene, she struck another parked vehicle, according to the prosecutor.

Garcia then drove to El Monte where she was later apprehended by police, the prosecutor said.

The injured motorcyclist suffered significant injuries during the hit-and run and will need lifelong medical care, according to the prosecutor.

The case was investigated by the Baldwin Park Police Department.

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